However, a memorandum seeking Central Assistance was received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh on 19.11.96. For damage to public health infrastructure including hospitals/PHC buildings and for expenditure for water treatment, sanitation, essential medicines etc., the State Government had sought an ass stance of Rs.23.20 crores.

On receipt of the memorandum the Central team visited Andhra Pradesh from 27th November to 1st December, 1996. The recommendations of the inter-ministerial group on the central team's report are now to be considered by the National Calamity Relief Committee.

Funds to Universities

*350. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR :
SHRI R.L.P. VERMA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of fund allocated to the universities during each of the last three years and so far, State-wise;

(b) whether the grants are inadequate, keeping in view the ever increasing number of students in these Universities and colleges affiliated to them;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to provide more funds to these universities;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government propose to open any Central University in Karnataka and in backward areas of Southern Bihar;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) A statement is enclosed.

(b) to (d). Central Universities are established by Acts of Parliament and their maintenance and development expenditure is met by the Central Government through UGC. State Universities are set up by Acts of State Legislatures and their maintenance and development expenditure is met by respective State Governments. UGC provide only development grants to the eligible State Universities and Colleges, as per the prescribed norms, and that too, only for a part of their requirements. It is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments/agencies to provide reasonable level of Plan and Non-Plan grants to the universities/colleges established by them. UGC has liberalised scale of plan assistance to the universities in the 8th Plan. Non-Plan grants provided by the Government to UGC for disbursement to universities have also been steadily increasing over the years.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) National Policy on Education-1986, as modified in 1992, provides that, in view of the need to effect an all round improvement in the institutions, it is proposed that, in the near future, the main emphasis will be on the consolidation of, and expansion of facilities in, the existing institutions. Programme of Action-1992 for implementation of the Policy states that, given the necessity to arrest the declining trend in the flow of Plan funds from UGC to State Universities and Colleges, the severe constraint of resources and the need to provide adequate infrastructure in newer Central Universities, the Government should exercise restraint in setting up more central Universities.

STATEMENT

Statement showing the Grant paid to Universities during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96

(Rs. in lakhs)

States	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Andhra Pradesh	2966.08	2911.59	3448.55
Delhi	7465.76	5024.98	9372.64
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	16.50
Assam	167.67	623.09	919.28
Bihar	924.89	1031.66	1142.85
Haryana	109.11	232.43	211.25
Gujarat	688.93	926.68	919.89
Goa	37.69	59.21	30.80
Himachal Pradesh	48.68	102.13	54.48
Jammu & Kashmir	78.80	217.95	139.28
Karnataka	707.33	753.73	698.97
Kerala	318.54	387.63	252.93
Manipur	52.84	44.55	92.76
Meghalaya	1687.12	1653.10	1785.24
Madhya Pradesh	414.74	708.49	608.71
Maharashtra	1047.65	989.71	1392.69
Orissa	139.25	385.20	256.98
Punjab	484.10	486.24	615.05
Pondicherry	661.76	537.91	784.30
Rajasthan	418.56	263.19	556.03
Tamilnadu	1087.30	1404.44	1586.64
Tripura	11.54	29.48	22.43
Uttar Pradesh	14037.87	15261.92	20841.21
West Bengal	2490.86	5703.56	2907.00
Nagaland		90.05	668.25